Poverty Simulation

Developed by the Missouri Association for Community Action

Could you survive a month in poverty? What choices would you make if you had limited time and money?

The MACA Poverty Simulation is designed to help those of us who have never experienced poverty better understand the challenges faced by those who live it daily.

- Time: 3 hours
- Participants: minimum 90; maximum 109
- Space: host in your gym, library or a spacious area. Set up includes 12 tables and 200 chairs; cordless microphone
- Materials: we provide them
- Preparation: prior to the simulation we walk you through how to assign people to roles
- Cost: mileage; lodging if overnight. No cost for facilitation; this is our give back to our profession.

Facilitators: Barney Slowey & Tamara Sharp WI teachers & administrators, currently facilitators for the UW River Falls Administrative Leadership Program.

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From Participants:

"Powerful experience to gain a different perspective on poverty."

"One of the best in-services ever. Thanks for bringing us this experience."

"Life changing. I'm so steeped in middle class values that I've never realized what poverty is really like."

"I couldn't survive in poverty for two hours. I can't imagine how my students live it daily."

Past hosts: Arcadia/Whitehall, Amherst, Augusta, Barron County, Bayport, Black River Falls, Blair Taylor, Bloomer, Brillion, Bruce/Cornell, Cadott, Cambridge, CESA 10, CESA 11 Head Start, Chilton, Chippewa, Colfax, Durand, Eau Claire, Elk Mound, Gale Ettrick Trempealeau, Green Bay, Hilbert, Holmen, Jackson County, Kewaunee, La Crosse Boys & Girls Club, Ladysmith, Lake Holcombe & Gilman, Laona Job Corp, Little Chute, Menomonie WorkForce, Montello, Minocqua, New Lisbon, Osseo Fairchild, Phillips, Pulaski, Royall, Shawano, Shell Lake, Siren, Stanley Boyd, Stevens Point, Superior Poverty Coalition, Tomah, Trempealeau County, Turtle Lake, UW-EC, WITC New Richmond, WITC Rice Lake